Supplementary Grants.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, before these supplementary grants are moved, I think it is my duty to bring to the notice of the House that in the case of these grants the House has been deprived of the benefit of a scrutiny by the Standing Finance Committee, on account of the conduct of two members of the Committee which made it impossible to obtain a quorum for the meeting. These Hon'ble Members referring to the declared attitude of Government on certain questions of larger policy withdrew from the meeting, and their conduct made it clear that it would be futile again for Government to attempt to summon another meeting before the Council Session. I should like to point out in this connections the precise functions of the Standing Finance Committee. The scope of discussion on supplementary grants has been clearly defined by the ruling of the Hon'ble President reported in the Council Proceedings, Part 11 page 73. No larger questions of policy could be raised on a discussion of supplementary grants. The Standing Finance Committee is only a committee of this legislature and it can only examine such questions as are set apart for its consideration by this legislature. The conduct therefore of the Hon'ble Members was absolutely unconstitutional.

Rs. 500 under 2—A—1—Agriculture Proper—E—T. A.

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under 2. A. 1-Agriculture-Proper E—T. A. The allotment under the current year's budget is only Rs. 4500/-. Due to increased touring work of the executive staff for doing propaganda work and the journeys of the Director of Agriculture to Simla, Delhi and Bangalore to attend meetings of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the Coffee Cess Committee the allotment of Rs. 4500 will not be sufficient for the year. Savings are not available under other heads for re-appropriation. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 27,000 under 12—Tramway—Capital.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 27,000 under 12—Tramway—Capital. At the last budget sessions the House was pleased to grant 81,000 and odd rupees under this head for the purchase of 42

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